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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 8, 10, 13 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7, 9, 11, 12, 14-17 and 21-30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 27-29 are objected to because of the following informalities: in line 1 of claim 27, should "27" be --28--. In line 1 of claim 28, should "28" be --29--. In line 1 of claim 29, should "29" be --30--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 13 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wallace et al [(2A, 3) It should be noted that the element 408 in Fig. 3 is same as the element 408 in Fig. 2A].

Regarding claims 1, 2, 13 and 20, Wallace et al (2A, 3) discloses an amplifier circuit comprising a plurality of amplification units (408s in Fig. 2A) arranged in a grid like structure on a monolithic substrate (410), and a grid-bias network (-5V, +5V in Fig. 3) which separates the amplification units (408s) to provide a DC power (+5V, -5V) to the amplification units (408s) and wherein each amplification unit (408) includes bias-line bypass circuits (a connection between +5V and amplification unit and a connection between -5V and amplification unit) in a periodic structure.

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Regarding claim 8, wherein each amplification unit (408) includes a power amplifier (508 in Fig. 3).

Regarding claims 10, 18 and 19, the amplification unit (408) further includes a receive antenna (502), a power amplifier (520) which receives a bias voltage (+5V), and the amplification unit (408) inherently includes a transmit antenna since the amplification unit (408) cannot transmit a signal without the transmit antenna.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 3-7, 9, 11, 12, 14-17 and 21-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Patent numbers (4,553,053; 4,074,151) are the plurality of amplifiers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Choe whose telephone number is (571) 272-1760.


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